

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007
9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 11th day of September 2007 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Trout made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked for a motion to pay all current bills. Mr. Nelson made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked Clerk Dozier about the filing dates for the February Primary. Clerk Dozier replied that the filing dates would begin October 29, 2007 and end November 5, 2007.

Chairman Wooten asked Denise Burnett, White County Treasurer if individuals were using the new drop box to pay their taxes and she replied that people were using the new box. Ms. Burnett stated that several individuals have been paying their taxes this week.

Mr. Doug Maier, White County Sheriff, stated that his report has been submitted in writing.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 meeting would be held on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Judge Thomas Sutton thanked the Board for allowing him and the Community Service Coordinator to remodel the second floor of the Courthouse. Judge Sutton explained that by using the Community Service Program it has saved the County thousands of dollars. Judge Sutton stated that it would have been impossible to have completed this project without the direction of Mike Knight as the coordinator. Judge Sutton stated that Mike has been tireless in his efforts to complete the project. Judge Sutton reminded the Board that individuals that helped Mike with the project did not know how to use a saw, hammer etc. Judge Sutton stated that this project has helped the County and the individuals on the community service program. Judge Sutton stated that some of the individuals who started building the back wall were in last week wanting to see how the project had progressed. Judge Sutton thanked the Board for starting the Community Service Program, a program that has been operating now for ten years. Mr. Ray stated that he would like to present Mr. Knight with a plaque. The other Board members agreed.

Chairman Wooten asked if there were any visitors to address the Board or any communications.

Chairman Wooten introduced Charles Nolan with the White County Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Nolan stated that the Board had been mailed the annual report and he wished to ask the Board for their continued support. Chairman Wooten stated that the Board usually gives the Conservation District \$2,500.00 and the figure has been included in the current budget. Mr. Trout made a motion to contribute \$2,500.00 to the Soil and Water Conservation District, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten introduced Ms. Arlynn Davis, auditor for Botsch and Associates to discuss the FY 2006 audit. Ms. Davis stated that because of the problems last year with the Ambulance Service it could not be included in this audit but it would be included next year. Ms. Davis stated that the Ambulance Service was much improved. Ms. Davis stated that White County currently has \$244,000.00 assets over liabilities as shown on page 13 and 14. She stated that on pages 45 were the individual departments and how their actual expenditures compared to the amount they had in their budget. She stated that Paula usually relies heavily on these pages when trying to prepare the next year's budget. She stated that the general fund had a positive balance in 2006 in the amount of \$9,800.00. Mr. Ray asked Ms. Davis how that compared with a year ago. Ms. Davis stated that she would not be able to give just the general fund total but the total departments were up from a negative \$148,000.00 to \$320,000.00 beginning balance which is a definite improvement. Chairman Wooten stated that he and Mr. Botsch has discussed on several occasions that the County has no control over the revenue and the only control the Board has is the expenditures. Ms. Davis agreed that since the County has to wait for a lot of their revenue from the State of Illinois the only control they have is the expenditures. Chairman Wooten asked how White County was doing in comparison with her other counties. Ms. Davis stated that she could not talk a lot about her other counties, but she audits 4 counties, 1 is still pending and the others have a negative balance. Chairman Wooten also explained to the Board that municipalities are also different from counties because they have other means of producing revenue. Ms. Davis stated most municipalities have utilities which help fund their other governmental operations. Ms. Davis asked the Board if they had any further questions. The Board thanked Ms. Davis for attending the meeting.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item was to consider a letter of understanding for Botsch and Associates to perform the 2007 County Audit in the amount of \$23,000.00 and the Circuit Clerk's audit in the amount of \$3,500.00. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the letters of understanding with Botsch and Associates to perform the 2007 audit. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Ellen Pettijohn, Circuit Clerk, presented the following resolution for consideration of the Board.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chapter 705, Section 305/2 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes provides that the County Board (except in those counties which have Jury Commissioners) shall select from the General Jury List of White County the persons to serve as petit jurors;

WHEREAS, the County Board of White County has adopted the Merged Jury Source List of all legal voters and Illinois driver's license holders in the County as prepared by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to serve as the General Jury List of White County.

WHEREAS, the Judges of the Second Judicial Circuit have by joint action determined that the Resident Circuit Judge should specify the number of persons to serve as petit jurors;

WHEREAS, the Resident Circuit Judge has specified that 3,000 persons should be selected to serve as Petit Jurors with qualifications as provided in Section 305/2 of Chapter 705 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County Board of White County to provide said number of persons for the Active Jury List by adopting the Active Jury List of White County as prepared by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That pursuant to Chapter 705 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, that the County Board of White County, Illinois adopt the Active Jury List of White County as prepared by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.
2. That pursuant to Chapter 705 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, that the County Board of White County, Illinois accepts the list for juror names in random order on the Active Jury List of White County as accomplished by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.
3. That the names of the petit jury, grand jury, and coroners jury shall be used beginning this date from the said Active Jury List and in the event such names are drawn contemporaneously the order of the draw shall first be petit, the grand jury, and the coroner's jury.

ADOPTED AT CARM, ILLINOIS THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007.

Ron Wooten
White County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier, White County Clerk

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to approve the jury source list, seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Clerk Dozier informed the Board that the City County Jail has been inspected by the State and the inspection report is on file in her office.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider hospitalization insurance. Mr. Ray stated that he and Ron Wooten, Rodney Masterson, Byrd Huber, Staci Huffer, and Kari Starks met with Mark Kelly of Kelly insurance. Mr. Ray stated that the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance renewal was \$524.05 per employee per month which would be an increase in premiums of \$86,114.00. The employees filled out applications for Health Alliance and the County could get insurance for \$483.00 per employee per month. Mr. Ray stated that the employees, union and Board members were reluctant to move away from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance. Mr. Kelly furnished the Board with a premium of \$494.37 per employee per month for Blue Cross/Blue Shield with a higher deductible. The current deductible is \$500.00 and this would raise the deductible to \$1,000.00. The higher deductible would only cost the county an additional \$24,931.00 and year which would be a savings of \$61,000.00 by raising the deductible by \$500.00. Mr. Ray stated that he would like to make a motion to continue with Blue Cross/Blue Shield with a \$1000.00 deductible in the amount of \$494.37 per employee. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote. Chairman Wooten stated that the renewal date with Blue Cross/Blue Shield was August 1, 2007 and the \$1,000.00 deductible premium would not begin until October 1, 2007 and would expire July 30, 2008, since the County was already two months into the renewal year.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was a Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax funds on Section 07-09125-00-BR known as Lost Creek Bridge. Mr. Brian Ray, County Engineer stated that this was a bridge on 1950N the road Mr. Nelson lives on and it has been closed. Mr. Ray stated that the cost of construction would be \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00. Mr. Nelson asked if the bridge would be made longer and Mr. Ray replied that it would be. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the preliminary engineering agreement on Lost Creek Bridge, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the reappointment of Brooks York to the Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board, Inc. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to reappoint Brooks York to the Southern 14 Work force Investment Board, Inc. seconded by Ray. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next meeting would be October 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Clerk Dozier stated that she had included in the Board's packet a tentative and preliminary budget which was balanced. Ms. Dozier stated that she will have to look over the hospitalization insurance budget since the Board chose a different premium. She stated that the probation office and regional superintendent of schools budgets are still up in the air because the State has not passed a current budget.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.